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Rajasekara Rao.
29.11.46

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Letter no C1-3743/44-5 dated the 28th June 1945 from the Director of Food Supplies requesting sanction for the revision and continuance of the establishment for commandeering of fuel for Bangalore city till the end of December 1945.

In C.O. no Fd. 6622-25 A 41-44-25 dated the 1st May 1945 the appointment of the following temporary staff (made by the Director of Food Supplies in anticipation of sanction) for work connected with the Commandeering of fuel plantations in Yelahanka, Kengeri, Whitefield and other areas, was approved:-

2 Fuel Inspectors at Rs. 80/- plus Rs. 20/- C.A. p.m.

3 Asst. Fuel Inspectors at Rs. 50/- plus Rs. 10/- C.A. p.m.

4 peons at Rs. 11/- p.m.

[No clerks also has been sanctioned to this staff]

The D.F.S. has now explained that his proposal proposed a revision of the above

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establishment and its continuance till the end of Dec 1945. He has also furnished a proposition statement (Flag 'i') and the establishment as revised by him is as under :-

4 Fuel Inspectors on Rs. 80/- plus Rs. 20/- C.A. each person

8 Asst - " - " - 50/- plus Rs 10/- C.A. each p.

4 peons ---- 11/- each p.m.

---- (with the usual dearness allowance for all)

The above proposal is for orders.

2) References is invited, in this connection to the remarks of the Financial Secy and Min. H. & S. in paras 22 to 26 of the note in Collection A 41-44 (15, 25) placed before.

3) It has since been ordered that Mr C.I. Madras, may be continued as special officer, Fuel Supplies, Bangalore city, till the end of September 1945.

4] A draft c/o has been put up - in the connected file today and stood separate

leg 4) The Director recommends that one 11/7 Assistant Fuel Inspector for each taluk and one Fuel Inspector for every two taluks, as the posts are absolutely necessary if Commandeering work has to be done promptly. In the circumstances additional five A. F. I's and two F. I's may

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for sanctioned for the end of Dec.-45 which period may be made applicable to the Staff sanctioned in the G.O. dated 15.5.45 (2).

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Under Secy. Chief Engr. 18/7

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6) The need for fuel inspectors at every taluk noted in the margin, where topes are to be commandeered, is not at all clear. After all the commandeering is done by the Fuel Officer and the preliminary work re: the topes to be commandeered would have been done by the company. To assist the Special Officer in his inspecti at best he may have one Executive Officer for preliminary inspection and valuation and a clerk for necessary scriptory work may be sanctioned. If we do all the work relating to securing fuel by arranging for transports and sell the produce in our depots, the need for entrusting this work to a private company is not clear.

1. Malur & Hoskote Taluks.
2. Bangalore South & Anekal Taluks.
3. Bangalore North & Nelamangala.
4. Devanhalli & Doddaballapur Taluks.

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No. 809
Date 26.7.45

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7) D-f.S (U.O) for remarks to U.S 24/7

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Memo

No 35/pc/ H[illegible] dt Hqrs dtd Unofficially
24/8 wrm compliments to the Director of
Food Supplies, for [illegible] remarks.

24.8.1945. (M S Sivaswamy)
In secy to Govt
Dev Department
(7.5)

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Returned with compliments.

(5) As per existing terms of the agreement, the Bangalore Fuel Supply and Transport Company is entrusted with the supply of casurina and jungle firewood for use in Bangalore city, C & M Station and the Army. The total requirements average 14,000 tons a month.

(6) On recommendations made by the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, the Chief Conservator of Forests has allotted certain forest areas in Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur and Mysore Districts for exploitation and supply of jungle-wood and about 7000 tons are expected from these sources per month. The supply of the balance of 7000 tons per month is made up of casurina which is obtained in the Bangalore District and in Malur taluk.

(7) Under the terms of the Agreement, the Special Officer Fuel Supplies has to commandeer casurina and other fuel plantations wherever necessary and possible, and make them available to the company at the controlled price. In actual practice, it is however found that the owners of casurina plantations demand prices far above the controlled rates when approached direct by the company, and in almost all cases of casurina supply, the Special Officer has to assist the company by commandeering. This necessarily involves heavy work and sufficient executive staff.

(8) Further, after a plantation is commandeered, the owner is asked to cut and supply the wood at Bangalore and receive payment from the company, but in a majority of cases, the owner either with a view to obstructing or because he is unable to work the plantation, refuses to cut and supply the fuel from such plantations. In such cases the Special Officer has to arrange for the cutting and transport of fuel on behalf of Government, but this involves organisation of labour, felling of trees, trimming, stacking, transport etc., which it would be extremely difficult to get done through Departmental staff, and the work is therefore entrusted to the company as the agent of Government. This procedure is necessary as casurina plantations are not paid for on the basis of estimated yield, but only for quantities actually delivered, as this is safer and prevents the loss which Government would have to sustain if the actual receipts fall below the estimated yield.

(9) Brushwood is not purchased and sold in Bangalore city and we have to account for this to the owner of the plantation. After felling and clearing the plantation, the brushwood is auctioned under the authority of the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies and the proceeds

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the proceeds paid to the owner. A large number of plantations have been commandeered and it is quite necessary to have these inspected frequently to prevent the fuel being removed from there to the blackmarket.

x) From what is stated above, it will be clear that the work of commandeering and working of the topes requires constant attention and supervision for which the staff proposed, viz. atleast one Fuel Inspector for every two taluks and one Assistant Fuel Inspector for each taluk is the minimum required considering the fact that we have to find as much as 7000 tons of casurina fuel each month. It is not possible, as suggested, for the Special Officer and one Executive Assistant to devote to the commandeering work the concentrated attention that it requires particularly in view of the fact that supplies to the Army and the C & M Station are also added to the responsibilities of the Special Officer. He has very little time to spare to supervise and inspect all the areas in which commandeering work is being carried on. The proposed executive staff is absolutely necessary to enable the Special Officer to afford the necessary facilities to the company in the matter of securing topes or coupes, tran etc. and to see that the facilities afforded are not misused.

xx) The following are some of the other reasons in support of the need for the proposed staff for commandeering work:--

1. The area to be covered is extensive and plantations are at great distances from each other, and the majority of them are inthe interior.

2. The number of plantations that are being worked each month is very large.

3. The conversion of casurina to charcoal without a permit issued by theSpecial Officer, Fuel Supplies is prohibited under G.O.No.SD.7?15-C.117-44-78 dated 16-5-45. Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors in charge of commandeering work have to be on the lookout for breaches of this rule and commandeer and take over available stocks of charcoal. It is most essenti-al that vigilant watch is kept over this as otherwise plantations under 8 years and not fit for cutting are converted to charcoal.

4. In respect of commandeered plantations, after felling, the roots are being converted into charcoal and this requires constant supervision.

5. As a result of the agreement entered into with the Bangalore Fuel Supply and Transport Company, we have been able to eliminate competition both in the C & M [illegible]

in the Army except in respect of a limited quantity used by hotel-keepers and, as long as competition and diversion of supplies are to be eliminated, we are practically bound to guarantee supplies which cannot be done without adequate staff.

6. The charcoal position has not always been satisfactory, and is bound to vary with seasonal conditions. The supply of charcoal has been entrusted to several contractors and supplies have begun to improve since September. Apart from supplies by contractors, illicit transport of charcoal and illicit carbonisation of casurina has to be checked. A minimum of 10000 bags of charcoal of 75 lbs. each, or a total of 335 tons is to be guaranteed each month, and this requires constant supervision.

7. Fuel is being obtained from such distant places as Anantapuram, Nanjangud and Bukkapatna. An officer has to visit these places frequently to watch the progress and check the working of the departmental lorries and the Government lorries given to contractors. The commandeering staff is being utilised for this purpose alao.

8. There are several items of office work to be attended to by the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, such as regular correspondence with the Railway authorities regarding adequate supply of wagons, correspondence with the Forest Department for allotment of fresh areas as the assigned areas are worked out, preparation of programmes for felling, transport, etc.- authorising the payment of fuel and charcoal bills, preparation of lorry hire and maintenance bills etc., and he cannot devote to the supervision of the commandeering and the other incidental executive work, the concentrated and ~~continued~~ continuous attention that they require, without sufficien staff.

9) In the circumstances, I request that sanction of Government may be kindly accorded to the staff already proposed.

W Srinivasan 10/4

Additional Director of Food Supplies.

10) The above note does not answer the observation of the Financial Secretary at A-ii para 6. The D.F.S has reiterated his request for the following revised establishment for fuel commandeering for Bangalore city

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end of December 1945:-

4 Fuel Inspectors on Rs 80/- plus Rs 20/- CA. each p.m.

8 Asst Fuel Inspectors — 50 + 10 "

4 peons — on Rs. 11/- each p.m.

(with usual Ramzan allowance to all)

Subs for orders.

Refer Para 7.

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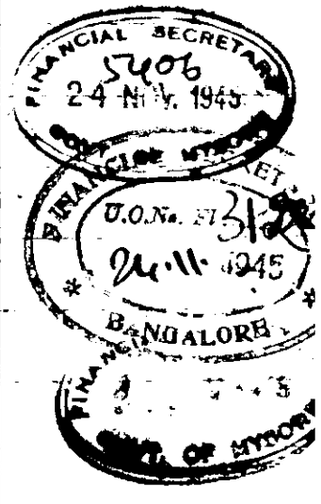

Kind reference is invited to my note para 6. The Director's note makes it clear that we are really doing all the work for this Company and they seem to be having all the benefit. I do not think that commandeering of Thopes means that Government should undertake all the work referred to by the Director. If the Company is prepared to pay for the additional staff that Government have to maintain on this account, the Director may be told that Government would be prepared to sanction the staff. Otherwise, the staff is unnecessary and need not be sanctioned.

As stated in another connection, I think that in view of the larger number of fuel carts that are coming up now, the control over fuel operations may perhaps be gradually relaxed.

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No. 3558

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2) The D.F.S may submit fresh proposals after 31-12-46.

HSS. 26/10/46.

HC 26/10

Refer Paras 20-21

Hon'ble orders whenever and file may be sent to D.F.S. urgently for necessary action.

Food Secy)) Asst 29/10/46

Ker 28/x

Issue a letter & file these papers.

HC 29/10

Asst 29/10

Ker 30/x

Our letter to D.F.S is dated

for Consideration

Ker 31/x 4/11/46 Food Secy. Asst 4/11/46

Issue HC 4/11

Asst 4/11

To

The D. F. S.

S. O. No. 3583 A 41-44-37 dated 4.11.46

In the matter Govt have no objection to sanction the use of staff, provided the cost is borne by the Company.

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Government of Mysore.

Cl-5743/44-5. Office of the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore, 28th June 1945.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
(Food Supplies), Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Staff for commandeering of fuel - Revision and continuance of - - - -

Adverting to G.O.No.6622-25/A41-44-25 dated 30-4-45/1-5-4 approving of the appointment of the marginally noted staff for attendi

2 Fuel Inspectors, on Rs.80 plus Rs.20/- C.A. each per mensem.
3 Asst. Fuel Inspectors on Rs.50/- plus Rs.10/- C.A. each p.m.
4 Peons on Rs.11/- each p.m.

to the work of commandeering of fue for Bangalore city, I have the hono to state that the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies reports that the said staff is inadequate for the purpose intended, that unless the commande ing of topes is carried out promptly, it would be unfair to expect the Fuel Trading Company to maintain regular and adquate supplies and that it is absolutely necessary to have one Fuel Inspector for every two tal and one Assistant Fuel Inspector for every taluk in which the commande ing operations are being carried out. On this basis, he states that four Fuel Inspectors would be required with their respective cha

1. Malur and Hoskote taluks.
2. Bangalore South & Anekal Taluks.
3. Bangalore North & Nelamangala "
4. Devanahalli & Dodballapur taluks.

as indicated in the margin and ei Assistant Fuel Inspectors at th rate of one for each of the said taluks.

2. In the circumstances, I request that sanction of Gove ment may be kindly obtained early to the revision of the staff for co deering of fuel as noted below and to the continuance of the said sta till the end of December 1945-

4 Fuel Inspectors on Rs.80 plus Rs.20 c.a. each p.m.
8 Asst. Fuel Inspectors on Rs.50 plus Rs 10 c.a. each p.m.
4 Peons on Rs.11/- each p.m.
(with the usual Dearness allowance for all).

3. A Proposition Statement is appended.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

29.6.45

Director of Food Supplies.

Proposition statement for revision of establishment for commandeering of fuel, Bangalore City.

Particulars of appointments.	Existing.		Proposed.		Extra.	
	No.	Cost p.m.	No.	Cost p.m.	No.	Cost p.m
1. Fuel Inspectors on Rs.80 Plus Rs.20 C.A. each p.m.	2	200-0-0	4	400-0-0	2	200-0-0
2. Asst. Fuel Inspectors on Rs.50 plus Rs.10 as C.A. each p.m.	3	180-0-0	8	480-0-0	5	300-0-0
3. Peons on Rs.11 each p.m.	4	44-0-0	4	44-0-0	-	-
	9	424-0-0	16	924-0-0	7	500-0-0

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For Director of Food Supplies.

Proposition statement for revision of establishment for commandeering of fuel, Bangalore city. ---

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Particulars of appointments.	Existing.		Proposed.		Extra.	
	No.	Cost p.m.	No.	Cost p.m.	No.	Cost p.m
Fuel Inspectors on Rs.80 plus Rs.20 C.A, each p.m.	2	200-0-0	4	400-0-0	2	200-0-0
Asst. Fuel Inspectors on Rs.50 plus Rs.10 C.A. each p.m.	3	180-0-0	8	480-0-0	5	300-0-0
Peons on Rs.11 each p.m.	4	44-0-0	4	44-0-0	-	-
	9	424-0-0	16	924-0-0	7	500-0-0

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For Director of Food Supplies.

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SUBJECT ..... Staff for Commandeering of fuel in Bangalore

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Serial No. 37

No. FD 3575

General and Revenue Secretriat

To. The D.T.S.

Date of issue 24.11.45

Signed by M.N.M.

Sir,

With reference to Correspondence ending with your unofficial note No C1-5743/44-45 dt 10.11.1945, on the above subject, I am directed [redacted] to state that the note makes it clear that the Dept is really doing all the work for the Fuel Transport Company and that the Co they seem to be having all the benefit. Govt

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do not think that Commanding
I hope means that [redacted] should
undertake all the work referred
to by you. If the Company is prepared
to pay for the additional staff
that Government have to maintain
on this account Government would
be prepared to sanction the staff.
Otherwise, the staff is unnecessary
I am to add that in view of
the larger number of fuel cart
that are coming up now, the Director of Inland Control
over fuel operations in Bangalore
may be examined and fresh
proposals, if any, submitted after

31/12/1946

Thanks